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 DETECTABLE GROUP OF NOVEL  
 HIV REGULATORY GENES AND  
 USES THEREOF

## AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 (the "Office Action") and supplemental to the reply filed July 31, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rule of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Declaration of Dr. Eti Meirie Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this response; and **Remarks** begin at page 3.